Income Tax paid by players

4229. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the estimated income of and Income tax paid by the cricket, golf, billiards, chess and tennis players during the last three years, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): Income Tax department does not maintain separate details of income and Income tax paid by cricket, golf, billiards, chess and tennis players.

Subsidies on Food, Fertilizers, Grains

4230. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subsidies on food, fertilizers, grains, etc. are exceeding the targets fixed for the current financial year;

(b) if so, what are the targets fixed for subsidies to be given to important items and what is the percentage of increase anticipated; and

(c) how Government propose to reduce the subsidies as per periodic rhetoric regarding reining these subsidies as the subsidies on food, etc. are overshooting the budgetary provisions practically every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The food subsidy for 2000-2001, which was originally estimated at Rs. 8100 crore in Budget Estimates 2000-2001, increased to Rs. 12075 crore in Revised Estimates 2000-2001 involving an increase of 49%. The fertilizer subsidy was estimated at Rs. 12651 crore (BE) for 2000-01 but turned out to be Rs. 13800 (RE). The 2001-2002 Budget Estimates of food (including sugar) subsidy is Rs. 13675 crore and for fertilizer subsidy it is Rs. 14170 crore.

(c) The steep increase in food subsidy is on account of a combination of two factors, namely, record level of procurement of